

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The October 7, 2019 Public Meeting of the Edison Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi, at 7:00 P.M. at the Education Center, 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Michaud took the roll, and the following members were present:

Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi, President, Mr. Ralph Errico, Vice-President, Mrs. Beth Moroney, Mr. Richard Brescher, Mrs. Falguni N. Patel, Mrs. Elizabeth Conway and Dr. Yunxia (Yuna) Chen. Mrs. Shannon Peng arrived at 7:07 P.M. and Mrs. Theresa E. Ward was absent.

Also in attendance were Mr. Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, and Mr. Ramon Rivera, Board Attorney.

III. OPENING STATEMENT

Mr. Shi read the following opening statement:

“The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Edison Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Board of Education Administrative Offices. Copies of these notices were sent to the Home News and Tribune and the Star Ledger on September 24, 2019.

The Public may participate at regular meetings in accordance with the By-Laws and the applicable State regulations.

IV. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs. Conway read a statement listing the reasons she should not be excluded from voting for the new superintendent.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jonathan Wilner, resident, discussed bussing issues with his daughter’s bus going to the East Brunswick Vocational School.

A resident discussed bus issues with his child’s bus going to the Middlesex Academy.

Carol Bodofsky, resident, asked for a clarification of the definition of relatives working for the Board of Education.

VI. ADJOURN TO PRIVILEGED SESSION

Mr. Michaud read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 PL 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED:

by the Board of Education of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter-specified subject matters.

- Interview Superintendent Candidates

It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated subject matter shall be made public at such time as the need for non-disclosure no longer exists.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the privileged session resolution at 7:44 P.M. Mr. Brescher made the motion, seconded by Dr. Chen. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Dr. Chen, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Patel, Mr. Brescher,
Mrs. Peng, Mrs. Moroney, Mr. Errico, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

VII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Shi asked for a motion to reconvene this October 7, 2019 Special Public Meeting of the Edison Board of Education to open session at 11:31 P.M. Mrs. Peng made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brescher. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Dr. Chen, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Patel, Mr. Brescher,
Mrs. Peng, Mrs. Moroney, Mr. Errico, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Shi asked for a motion to adjourn this October 7, 2019 special public meeting of the Edison Board of Education at 11:32 P.M. Mr. Errico made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brescher and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel P. Michaud
Board Secretary
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